क्रम सं॰	जिले का नाम	शामिल कर्मचारियों की संख्या
8.	पंचमहल	28,450
9.	साबरकांठा	250
10.	जूनागढ़	17,300
11.	राजकोट	18,350
12.	बलसाड	49,500
13.	सूरत	52,300
	कुल	5,48,500

Increase in the wage ceiling under ESI Scheme

2365. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the reply to the Starred Question 26 given on 24th February, 1997 and state:

(a) whether the workers' unions or experts have also been consulted before taking such a decision;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of additional workers likely to be included in the scheme vis-a-vis the existing number, State/Union Territory wise?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The proposal for enhancement of the wage ceiling for coverage under the ESI Scheme from Rs. 3000/- to 6500/- per month was considered and recommended to the Central Government by the ESI Corporation which is a tripartite body comprising *inter-alia* experts from medical profession and 10 representatives of the Central Trade Union Organisations.

(c) A statement is annexed.

Statement

Details of existing and expected additional coverage on account of enhancement of wage limit under the ESI Scheme, State-wise.

S. No.	Name of State/U.T.	Existing coverage	Expected additional coverage
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3,57,500	50,000
2.	Assam	40,850	3,000
3.	Bihar	1,28,500	15,000
4.	Chandigarh	24,150	2,000
5.	Delhi	3,18,900	45,000
6.	Goa	36,050	5,000
7.	Gujarat	5,48,500	80,000
8.	Haryana	2,86,000	36,000
9.	H.P.	29,450	2,000
10.	J&K	11,900	1,000
11.	Karnataka	5,01,850	75,000
12.	Kerala & Mahe	3,86,400	50,000
13.	M.P.	1,77,400	25,000
14.	Maharashtra	10,74,700	2,00,000
15.	Orissa	1,18,200	15,000
16.	Pondicherry	18,900	1,000

S. No.	Name of State/U.T.	Existing coverage	Expected additional coverage
17.	Punjab	3,65,850	45,000
18.	Rajasthan	2,34,100	35,000
19.	Tamil Nadu	8,18,500	1,15,000
20.	U.P.	4,04,400	50,000
21.	West Bengal	7,31,300	1,10,000
	TOTAL	66,13,400	9,60,000

Financial Assistance from ILO for Eradication of Child Labour

2366. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance received from the Insternational Labour Organisation for eradication of child labour during the last five years;

(b) the details of amount actually utilised by Government in this regard;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to remove the child labour in the country?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The financial assistance from the International Labour Organisation (ILO) has been received under two programmes, namely the International Programme on Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC) and the Child Labour Action and Support Programme (CLASP). Under these programmes funds were provided directly by the ILO Area Office to NGOs, voluntary agencies and other organisations after approval of the projects by the Screening Committee constituted to consider and approve various projects. The total assistance provided under IPEC and CLASP so far has been US $4.184 million and US $0.58 million respectively. The CLASP project concluded in March, 199[illegible]

(d) While the policy of the Government is to eliminate child labour in all its form, the elimination of child labour from hazardous occupation has been taken up in the first instance. So far 76 child labour projects have been set up for the rehabilitation of around 1.5 lakh children working in hazardous occupations. Besides opening of child labour projects, funds have also been sanctioned for carrying out survey on child labour in 123 districts and for a awareness generation in 133 districts.

कुशल श्रमिकों की उपलब्धता तथा उनकी कुशलता में वृद्धि करने से संबंधित योजनाएं

2367. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या कुशल श्रमिकों की उपलब्धता के मामले में विश्व के औद्योगिक देशों में भारत का दसवां स्थान है;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में सरकार के पास उपलब्ध जानकारी का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या देश में कुशल श्रमिकों का अभाव है;

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में सरकार का क्या अनुमान है; और

(ङ) सरकार ने देश में श्रमिक कुशलता में बढ़ोत्तरी करने हेतु किन-किन योजनाओं को कार्यान्वित करने के संबंध में विचार किया है?